# SOUTH LAKE UNION REZONE LEGISLATION



#### 8 Years of Planning With the Community

2004 SLU Designated an Urban Center

2007 New Neighborhood Plan

Streetcar Opens

**Amazon Text Amendment** 

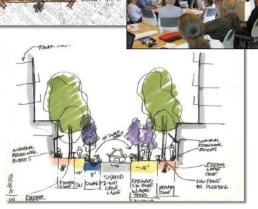
2008 Urban Form Study and EIS Alternatives

2010 Urban Design Framework

2011 Draft EIS Published; mitigations identified

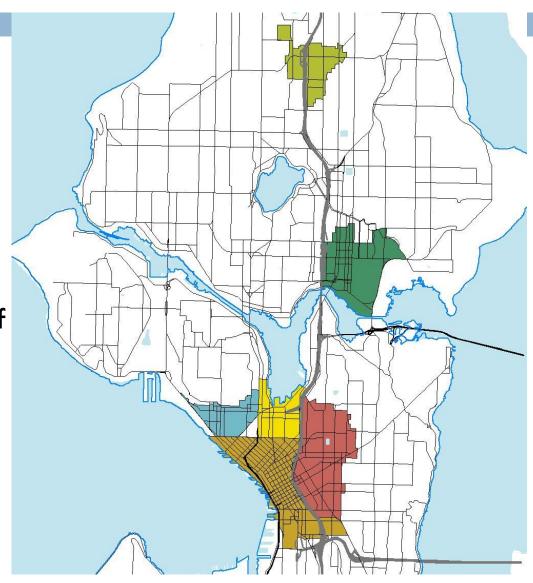
2012 Final FEIS, areawide rezoning proposed





### Background: Comprehensive Plan

- SLU designated anUrban Center in 2004
- Urban Centers are "the densest neighborhoods in the city and are both regional centers and neighborhoods that provide a diverse mix of uses, housing, and employment opportunities."
  - Comp Plan

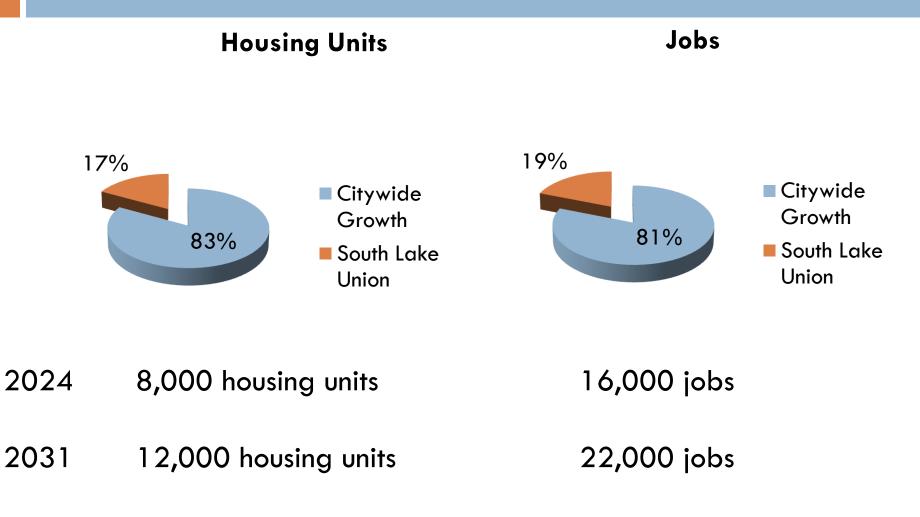


#### Recent Public Investment in South Lake Union

- Mercer Corridor and Valley Street
- Lake Union Park
- □ SLU Streetcar
- Cascade Playground



#### SLU's Projected Share of Citywide Growth

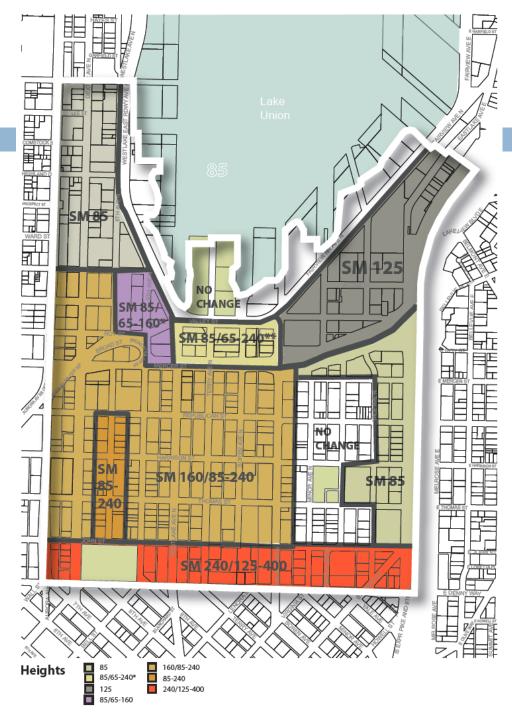


#### **SLU** Legislation

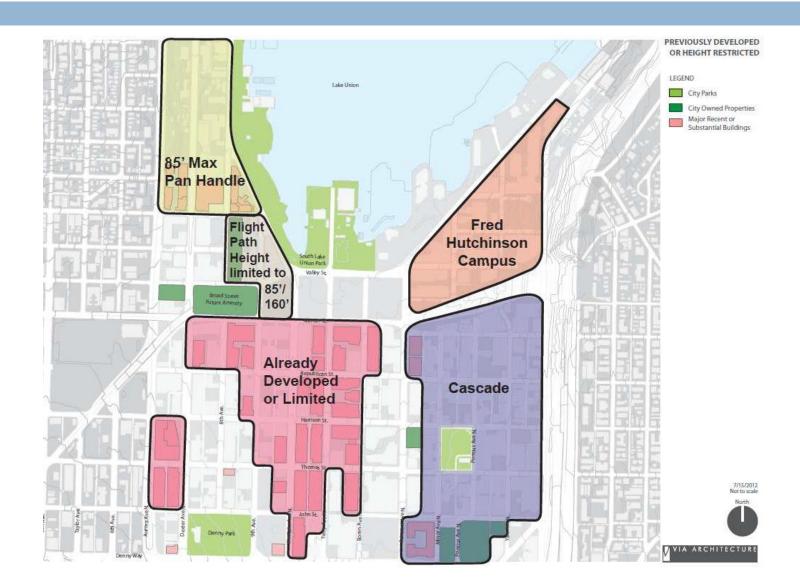
- Revised Height, Bulk and Floor Area Ratio
- Rezone of IC zoned properties to SM
- Stronger Development Standards
  - Tower spacing and floorplates
  - Ensure active street-level uses, open space and connections
- Apply Incentive Zoning Provisions
  - Affordable Housing and Amenities required for more commercial and residential development
  - Landscape Conservation and Local Infrastructure Program ("TIF for TDR")
  - Incentives for Preservation of Landmark Structures and Schools

#### Recommendations

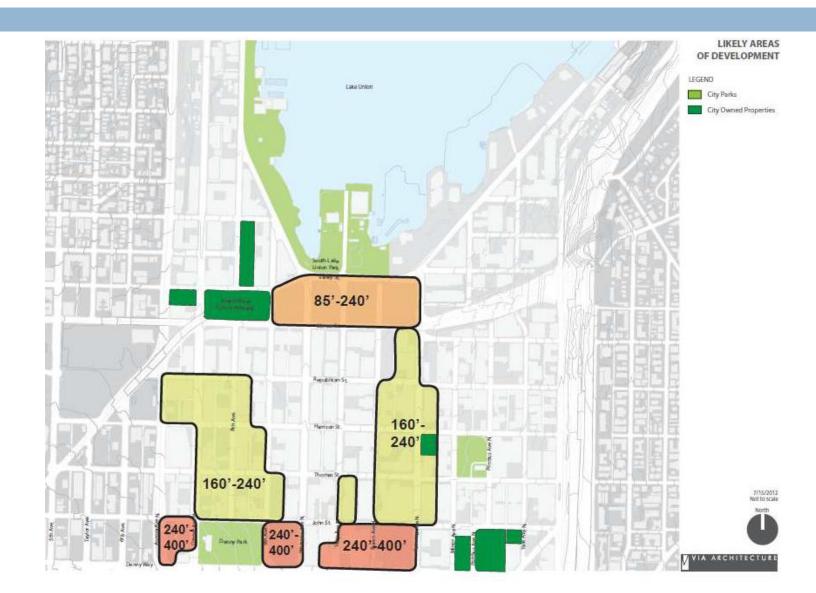
- Height recommendation
- DevelopmentStandards
- PedestrianEnvironment
- SubareaProvisions



# **Development Capacity**



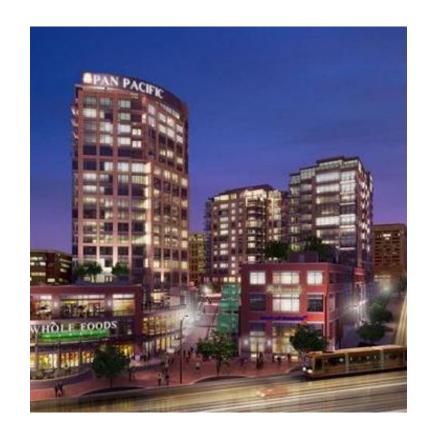
# **Development Capacity**



#### Tower Floor Plates and Floor Area Ratio

Commercial:24,000 SF MaxFAR limit of 7

Residential:12,500 SF below 160'10,500 above 160'no FAR limit



#### Podium Heights

45' through most of the rezone area

65' on Westlake,Fairview and Denny

□ 85' on Mercer



#### Pedestrian Designation

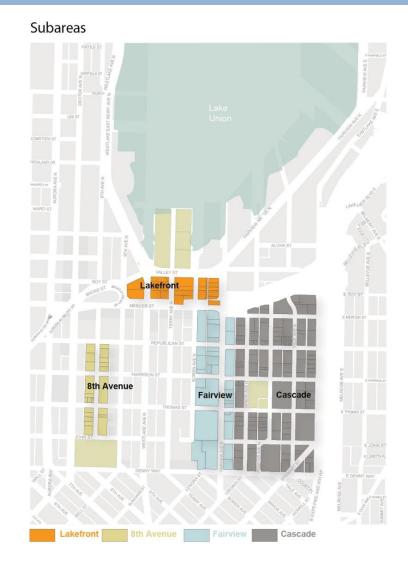
- Ground Level ActiveUses (retail) Required
- □ Transparency Required





#### Subarea Provisions

- Cascade Neighborhood
  - Preserve existing heights and scale
- Eighth Avenue Residential Corridor
  - Ground Related Housing
  - Limited Commercial
  - Reconfigured 8th Avenue
- Fairview Super Blocks
  - Large Lots /Larger Floor Plates
  - Historic Structures/Open Space
- Lakefront Blocks
  - One tower per block
  - Setbacks on Terry Ave



# Cascade – Existing Zoning



# Cascade - Proposed Zoning



# Fairview Corridor – Existing Zoning



# Fairview Corridor - Proposed Zoning



# Lakefront – Existing Zoning



# Lake Front – Proposed Zoning



### 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Residential Corridor



#### View from Capitol Hill- Existing Zoning

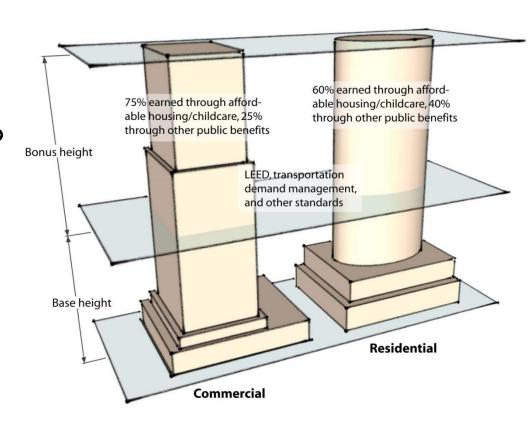


#### View from Capitol Hill – Proposed Zoning



# Incentive Zoning

- All height increases are through an incentive zoning process
- Commercial: 75% goes to affordable housing, 25% to TDR
- Residential: 60% goes to affordable housing, 40% to TDR

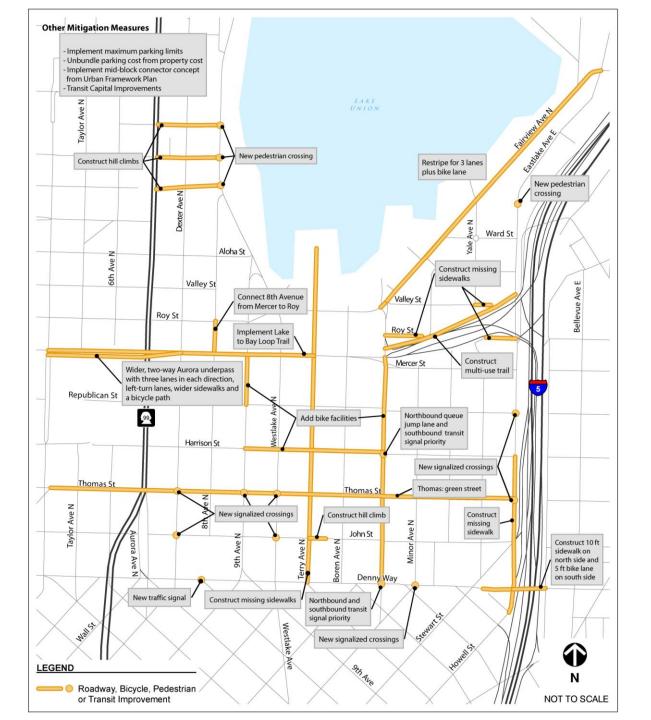


# Minimum Requirements for Incentive Zoning

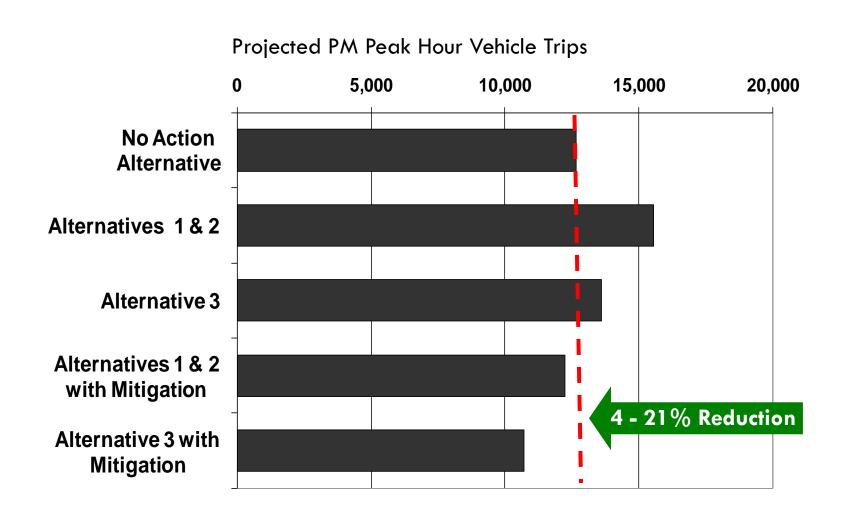
- □ LEED Silver
- Transportation Management Plan
- Energy Management Plan

# Transportation Mitigation Strategy

- Improve the pedestrian and bicycle network
  - Direct investments in implementing the Pedestrian Master Plan, Bicycle Master Plan
  - Require mid-block crossings on large developments
  - Design Guidelines
- Expand travel demand management strategies
  - TDM Plans
  - Parking strategies
- Expand Transit Service



#### Results



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